Mr. M.S. Doraswami Aiyangar : The question of improvement of the balance number of miles of the ryots' roads has been placed duly before the P. W. D. Advisory Committee and the more urgent of them are being taken up and included in the programme for the next year. The others will be included in the programmes for the future years.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla : Sir, that is not my question. May I know whether these roads will not become absolutely useless if the department does not take immediate action ?

Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar : Well, we are doing some maintenance work. Therefore, they will not become absolutely useless.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla : Yes, but will they not become partly useless ?

Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar : Yes. Improvements are not done at present, but the ordinary maintenance work, which is necessary to keep them under the present conditions, are being made.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla : Will the suggestions be placed before us in regard to the entire five-year plan ?

Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar : Yes, it will be done.

Tiruvalla-Edathua section of the Alleppey-Mundakayam road.

55. ***Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla** : Will the Government be pleased to state how many years have passed since work began in the Thiruvalla-Edathua Section of the Alleppey-Mundakayam road and why the work is not yet complete though money has been budgeted for it every year ?

Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar : It is 12 years since the work was started. The road work has been nearly completed between Tiruvalla and Edathua. Steps have already been taken to push on with the construction of bridges and culverts which had to be delayed owing to change of design.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla : Sir may I know how many times, since the work was started, have the design been changed in connection with this road ? It is stated that the work was started twelve years ago. May I know how many times have the designs been changed by the department ?

Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar : With regard to the road between Podiyadi and Neeratupuram, there are two bridges. The designs of both of them had to be changed about once each. But the matter was under investigation and correspondence and therefore ....

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla : Well, change of design need not take twelve years for the execution of the work.

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Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar: Sir, we had to observe the action due to floods. The question was whether the waterway was sufficient for the flow of the water. We had to observe it for subsequent years and it took naturally some time.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: (*Karunagapalli, Kartikapalli, and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertalla*): Sir, may I know whether the department is waiting for the arrival of some iron materials for these two bridges?

Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar: Yes.

Poramboke cases in Muvattupuzha, Kunnatnad, Devicolam and Parur.

56. ***Mr. E. K. Kuripe** (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of Poramboke cases taken up in 1113 and 1114 in each of the taluks of Muvattupuzha, Kunnatnad, Devicolam and Parur, the number of cases in which punishments were inflicted and the amounts realised in each taluk by way of fine?

Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): *A statement furnishing the required information is laid on the table.

Silts in the Periyar river.

57. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar** (*Parur, Kunntanad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Periyar river is being silted up year after year;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether the Government will be pleased to state the reasons for the same and what action was taken by the Government to prevent the silting up and when;

(*c*) how long is it since the silting up is going on in the Periyar river;

(*d*) has any part of the river become unfit for navigation even for ordinary valloms during the summer season; if so, what is the period during which such navigation is not possible;

(*e*) what is the distance of that portion of the river which is not fit for navigation during the summer season; and

(*f*) the average number of valloms that daily pass and repass through that river between Alwaye and Perumbavur?

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